...HUBERT...?

WHAT'S JANE DOING HERE?
CLASP
EXCUSE ME! YOU KNOW ME, DON'T YOU?!

I KNEW IT!!

SHOUT
IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?! THE ONE WHO-

HMPH!
SH!
!!!
JANE, HOLD ON!

FOR NOW, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE ELSE-
HTC-!
UMM
UMPH
I WAS TOO HASTY!

THIS IS A MAN WHO EXPERIMENTS ON PEOPLE, AND I JUST RUSHED AT HIM WITHOUT EVEN THINKING!!
JANE!!
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE

IS HE GOING TO GET RID OF ME NOW THAT HIS IDENTITY HAS BEEN EXPOSED?!
UGH
UMPH
SOMEBODY HELP ME!

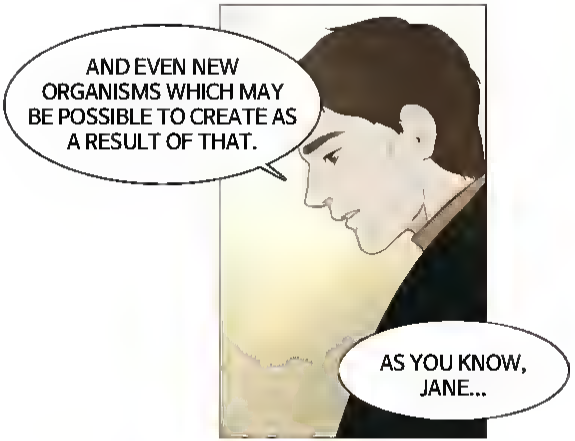
HELP!
HEADLOCK
UMM
HMPH
JANE, DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING WEIRD TO YOU. SO PLEASE JUST CALM DOWN!
F-FOR NOW, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE AND TALK!

Winter Woods

A NEARBY PARK

...YOU'RE THE PERSON WHO SENT WINTER TO ME, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT.

WHAT ON EARTH IS IT THAT YOU PEOPLE WANT FROM WINTER THAT YOU WOULD GO THIS FAR...!?
...THROUGH WINTER, WE'RE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF GENETIC PROPERTIES COEXISTING WITH OTHER TISSUE.


AND EVEN NEW ORGANISMS WHICH MAY BE POSSIBLE TO CREATE AS A RESULT OF THAT.
AS YOU KNOW, JANE...

WINTER IS A MIRACULOUS SAMPLE MAINTAINING THAT KIND OF STATE.
CHOKE
SAMPLE...!?

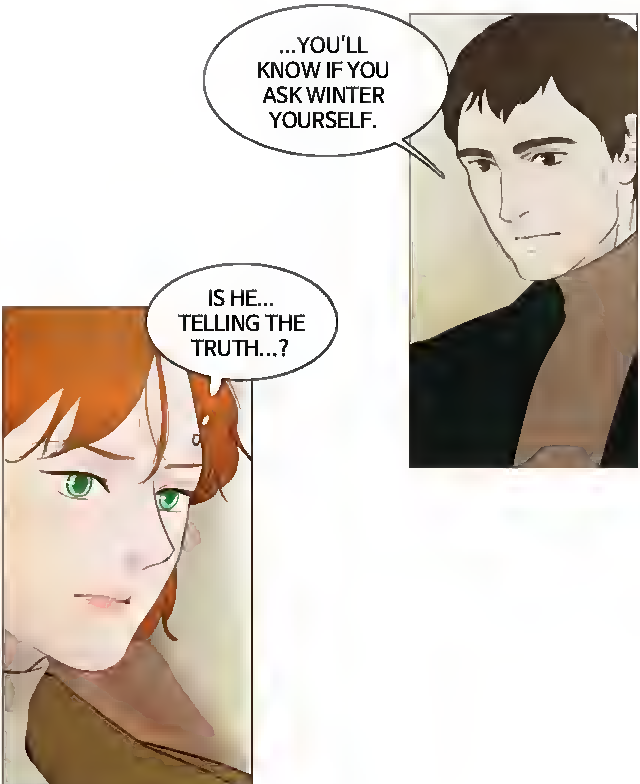
BUT WINTER WAS LACKING A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED A LIVING CREATURE.
THE GREATEST OF THOSE WERE EMOTIONS AND SYMPATHY.

WE SENT WINTER TO YOU TO CHECK WHETHER THOSE THINGS EXIST, JANE.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU DETERMINE THAT WINTER HAS A CAPACITY FOR EMOTION AND SYMPATHY?
YOU'RE BASICALLY SAYING THAT YOU'LL TAKE WINTER AWAY IF HE BECOMES A PERSON, RIGHT?

AND WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT A "SAMPLE"? YOU HAVE QUITE A WAY OF CHOOSING WORDS.
YOU KNOW, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF HANDING WINTER OVER TO YOU PEOPLE FOR SOME EXPERIMENTS.
IF HE'S A PERSON, THEN YOU SHOULD RESPECT HIS RIGHTS AND LET HIM BE FREE. WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU TRY TO TAKE HIM BACK?
YOU PEOPLE CALL YOURSELVES HUMAN?

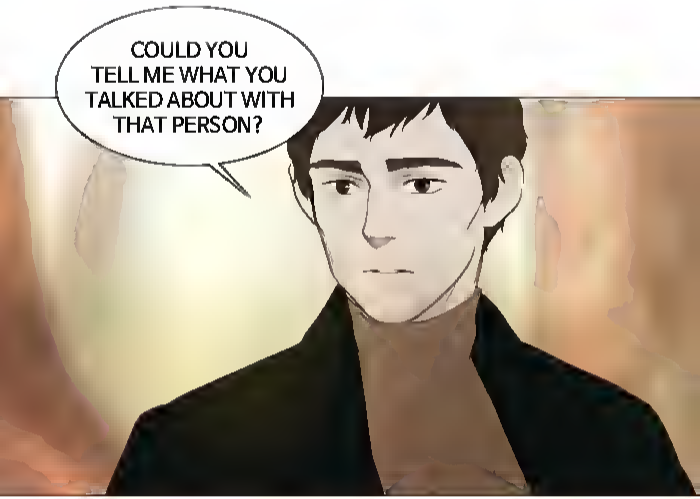
YOU'RE RIGHT. WHAT YOU SAID IS RIGHT, JANE.
I THINK SO TOO. I'M ALSO OPPOSED TO TAKING WINTER AWAY AND EXPERIMENTING ON HIM.

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN MAKING PLANS TO HELP WINTER FOR A LONG TIME.
AND RIGHT NOW, I'M PUTTING THOSE PLANS INTO ACTION.
HOW CAN I TRUST YOU?


...YOU'LL KNOW IF YOU ASK WINTER YOURSELF.
IS HE... TELLING THE TRUTH...?

...THERE'S SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, JANE.
WHY... DID YOU COME TO THE RESEARCH CENTER TODAY?

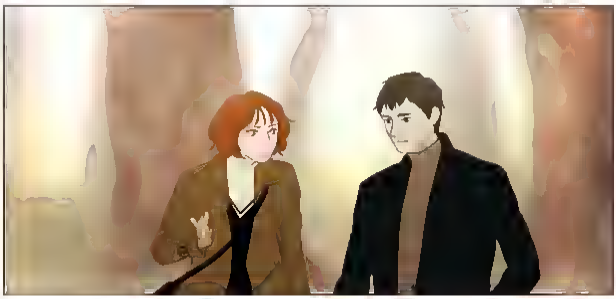
SOMEONE I KNOW WORKS THERE.
I JUST STOPPED BY BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING TO ASK HER.
IF YOU DON'T MIND,

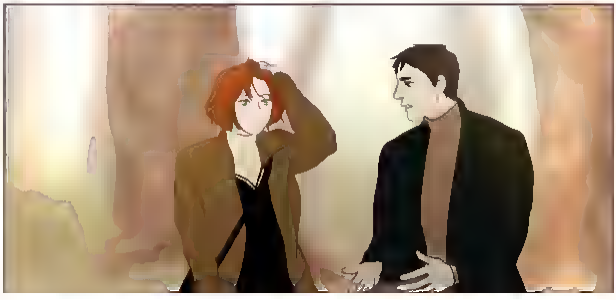

COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT WITH THAT PERSON?

WHY DOES HE HAVE THAT DESPERATE LOOK ON HIS FACE?
WELL. IT WAS KIND OF PERSONAL...

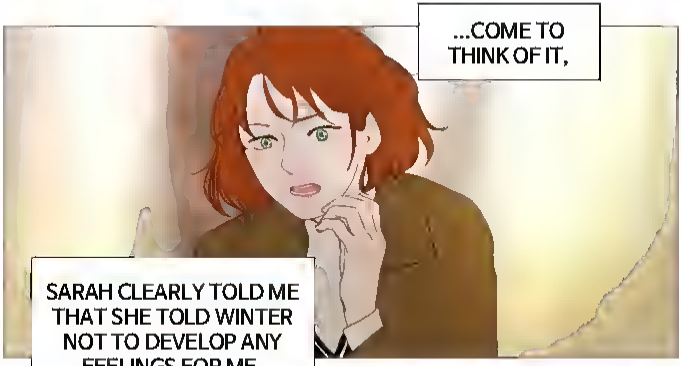
WHY DIDN'T
I THINK OF THAT
BEFORE!?

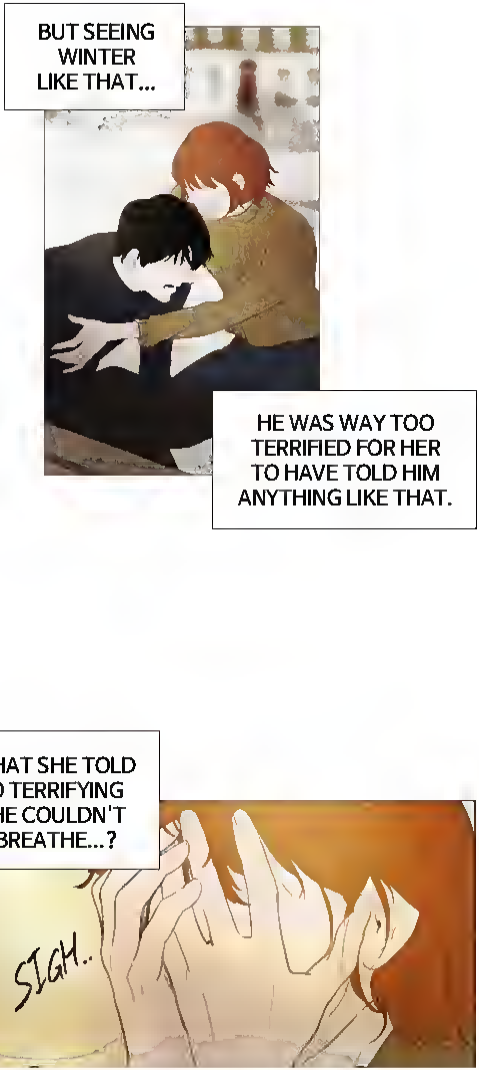
TELL ME.
OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, WHY DID YOU SEND WINTER TO ME!?
SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE NOT SENT WINTER TO ME SINCE I HAVE A FRIEND WHO WORKS AT THE LAB?





HERE'S MY CARD. PLEASE CALL ME IF ANYTHING COMES UP.
...HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...?
I CAN'T JUST TAKE HIS WORD AT FACE VALUE. LOGICALLY, IT'S MORE NATURAL TO TRUST YOUR FRIEND THAN SOMEONE YOU JUST MET, RIGHT...?

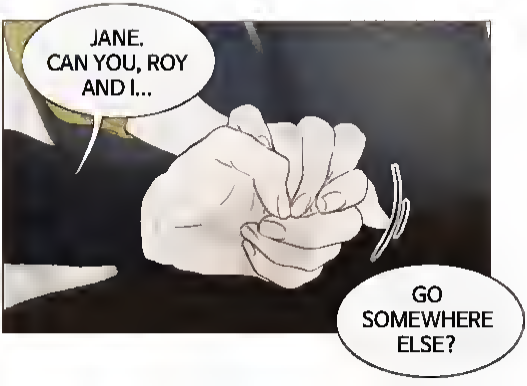

...COME TO THINK OF IT,
SARAH CLEARLY TOLD ME THAT SHE TOLD WINTER NOT TO DEVELOP ANY FEELINGS FOR ME.


BUT SEEING WINTER LIKE THAT...
HE WAS WAY TOO TERRIFIED FOR HER TO HAVE TOLD HIM ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
WAS WHAT SHE TOLD HIM SO TERRIFYING THAT HE COULDN'T EVEN BREATHE...?
SIGH..

WINTER ISN'T AN ORDINARY PERSON.
ON TOP OF THAT, IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE SENT HIM TO YOU ON PURPOSE, WHICH MEANS HE COULD SUDDENLY GET TAKEN AWAY.
ARE YOU PREPARED TO HANDLE THAT?

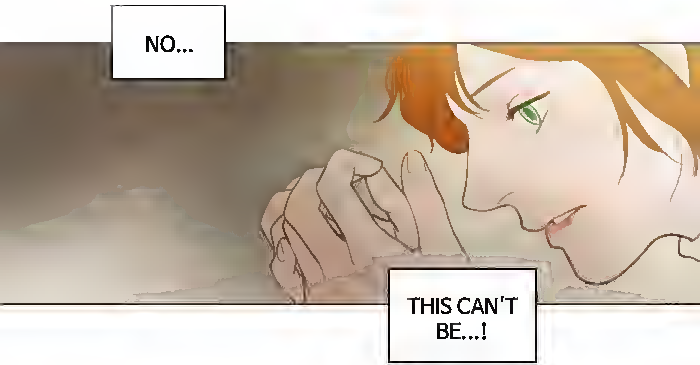
IF SARAH
THREATENED
TO TAKE
WINTER AWAY...

SQUEEZE


JANE.
CAN YOU, ROY
AND I...
GO
SOMEWHERE
ELSE?

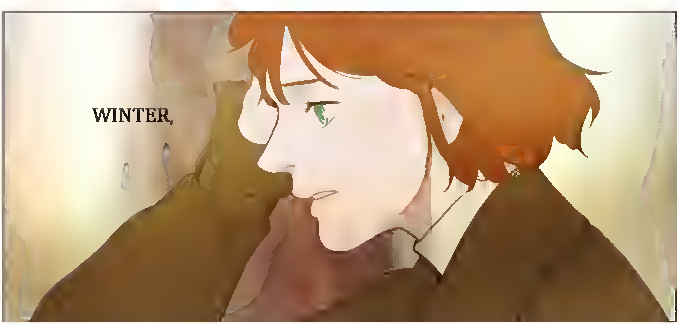
FAR,

VERY
FAR AWAY.


NO...
THIS CAN'T BE...!

T-THANK YOU FOR BEING HONEST WITH ME.
I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN LATER. I NEED SOME TIME TO SORT THIS OUT...
JANE.

...NEVERMIND.
JANE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT IF SHE ALSO FINDS OUT THAT WINTER IS SICK.
THERE'S NO TELLING HOW THIS WILL TURN OUT.
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU TO CALL ME.



WINTER,

WINTER!

YOU PROMISEO ME

YOU SAIO THAT YOU WOULON'T LEAVE

BY YOURSELF WITHOUT SAYING A WORD! YOU SAID THAT

YOU WOULO TELL ME BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

YOU PROMISED THAT YOU WOULDN'T

LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING ME FIRST,

LIKE MY MOM, DAD, AND MY GRANDMA!

SO PLEASE...

PLEASE!

NO MATTER HOW SCARED YOU ARE,

YOU HAVE TO STAY AT HOME!

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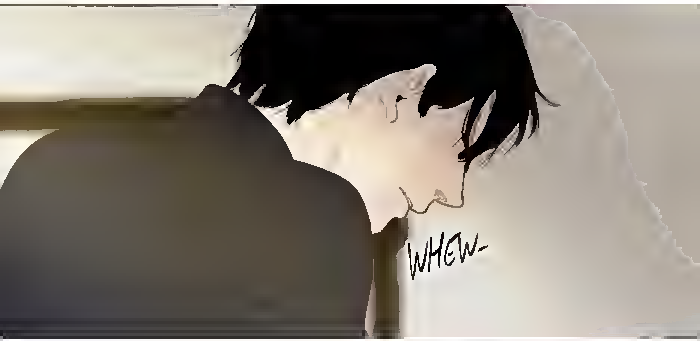
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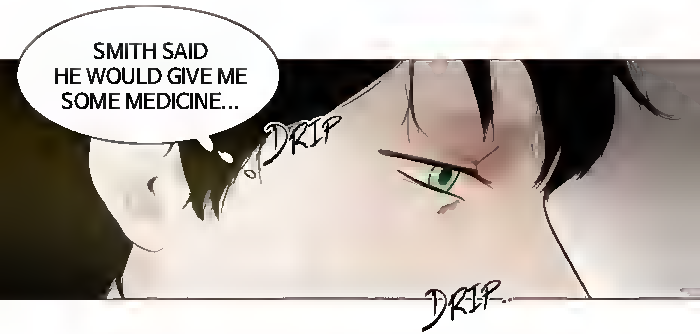
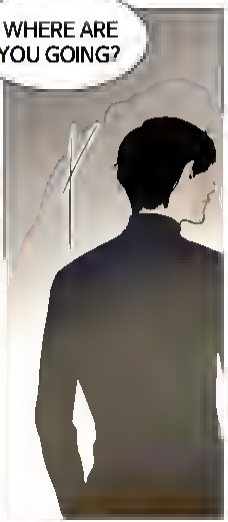
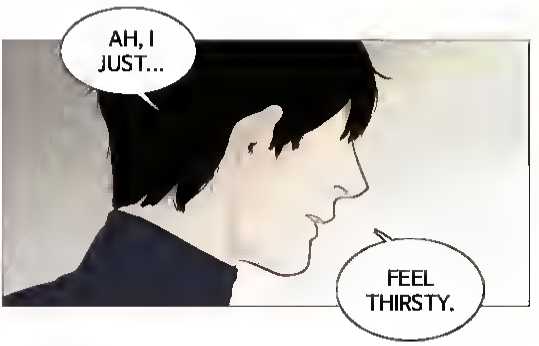

SMITH SAID
HE WOULD GIVE ME
SOME MEDICINE...
DRIP
DRIP..

STUMBLE

WHISH


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

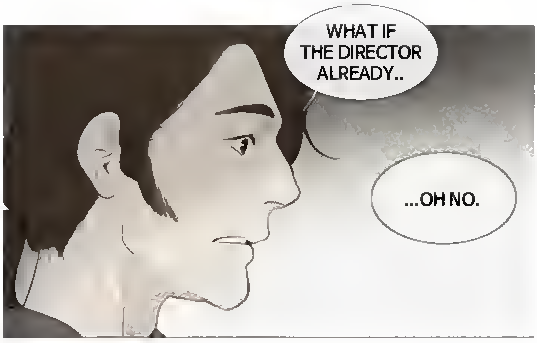

AH, I JUST...
FEEL THIRSTY.

FLUTTER
I HEARD SOMETHING STRANGE YESTERDAY.

TWINKLE
TWINKLE
AFTER YOU WENT OUT WITH JANE'S FRIEND,

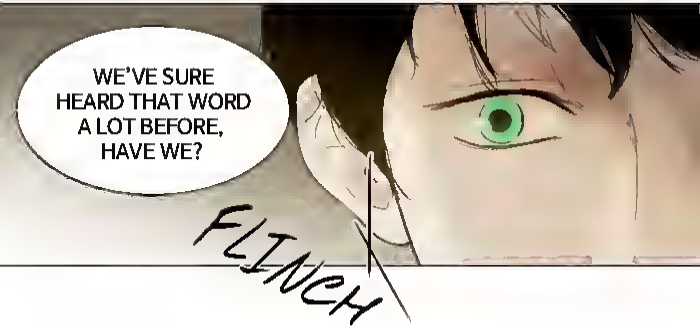
THE GUY FROM NEXT DOOR SUDDENLY CAME INTO OUR APARTMENT.

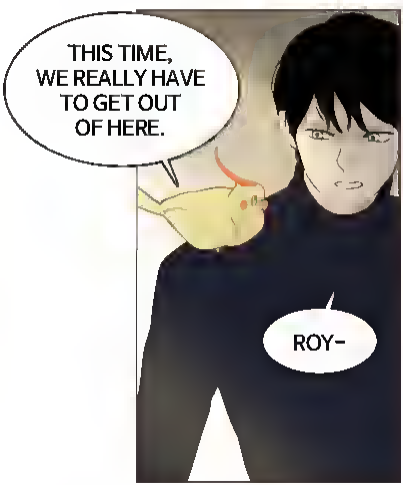
YOU KNOW, THE GUY WITH LONG HAIR.


WHAT IF THE DIRECTOR ALREADY..
...OH NO.

THEN HE SAID 'OH NO.'

AND HE
USED THE WORD
'DIRECTOR.'


WE'VE SURE HEARD THAT WORD A LOT BEFORE, HAVE WE?
FLINCH


THIS TIME, WE REALLY HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.
ROY-

LINE Webtoon